

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Noorvik****Project Title:**

## Noorvik - Heavy Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$ 355,000****House District: 40 - T**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Requesting new heavy equipment to replace outdated equipment that is no longer cost effective to operate and maintain. All of the equipment is needed for upcoming construction projects and to maintain the landfill.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$450,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Noorvik needs to repair, replace or purchase the following equipment: (1) a cat/dozer, (2) 966 loader, (3) dump truck, and (4) backhoe/excavator (repair). The equipment is needed for the health and safety of the Noorvik residents. The existing heavy equipment is old and has out lived its useful life, continuing to maintain the equipment is no longer cost effective. The equipment will be used to operate and maintain the new landfill, a health issue. The equipment will also be used for several upcoming construction projects which are funded and ready to proceed. First and foremost, the sewage lagoon needs to be relocated further away from town for health reasons. At the same time as the lagoon is being moved additional and much needed housing will be built. Recent funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs will also be utilized to improve and build new roads. All of these projects will require some form of gravel to stabilize the ground before the projects can be constructed. Some of the equipment will be used to haul and place gravel. With the large number of upcoming construction projects scheduled in Noorvik, the purchase of reliable heavy equipment is extremely important for the projects to proceed.

**Project Timeline:**

Purchase and shipment of equipment will be as soon as possible.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

City of Noorvik

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

Contact Name: City of Noorvik

Phone Number: 636-2100

Address: Box 146 Noorvik, AK. 99763

Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Christine Hess**

**From:** Glen Skin [gskin@nwabor.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008 12:15 PM  
**To:** Christine Hess  
**Cc:** 'City of Noorvik City of Noorvik'; bschaeffer@nwabor.org; 'Annabelle Alvite'  
**Subject:** Re: City of Noorvik Legislative Equipment Request

Christine:

The City of Noorvik is requesting the equipment for the following reasons:

1. First and foremost, for the continued safety and welfare of the residents of Noorvik.
2. To replace the aging fleet of equipment and truck. Need ripper cat/dozer for extracting gravel. A new loader to replace an 1976 and a 1985 loader. Need one more truck for hauling since one of the two trucks are continually breaking down. The City cannot dig areas in town because the excavator is broken down. Repairs are needed for this and the truck.
3. Operation and maintenance of the new Noorvik Landfill.
4. Future projects that include the construction of a new sewage lagoon. The existing lagoon is right close to the village i.e. near the high school, village clinic and residential area. Sewage is not treated in Noorvik and the lagoon needs to be relocated. Along with the sewage lagoon relocation will be village expansion when new housing is constructed. Gravel is necessary for foundation material for housing and for water and sewer construction.
5. Noorvik Native Community is planning to improve existing roads and to create new roads with BIA Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) funding and is requesting the City of Noorvik's assistance with equipment and trucks to haul gravel.
6. All other future projects that require equipment and trucks rely on this request. Projects cannot go forward unless these pieces of equipment have been replaced or repaired.

If you have any questions, please let me know. City of Noorvik – If you have anything to add, please do so. Thank you Christine. Best regards to Rep. Joule.

Thank you,

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April 22, 2008

Honorable Representative Reggie Joule  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Bldg., Room 421  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: City of Noorvik Legislative Request (Heavy Equipment)

Dear Honorable Representative Joule:

This is in regards to the Municipality of Noorvik and their endeavor to request legislative funding to replace their aging fleet of heavy equipment and trucks that are constantly in need of major repair. The legislative request includes purchasing a dozer/ripper cat, a loader and one dump truck for the total amount of \$355,000.00.

This request is important for the residents of Noorvik as they rely on them for their continued health and welfare. These pieces of equipment will be used towards the operation and maintenance of their new Noorvik Landfill and to support efforts to provide safe water and the collection and sanitary disposal of sewage. This request is also crucial for future projects that include the relocation and construction of a new sewage lagoon, improvement of existing roads, creation of new roads, building a bigger more efficient postal facility and village expansion projects i.e., new housing, utilities construction, etc. The existing lagoon is located near the elementary/high school, village clinic and residential areas and empties into 2 connecting ponds both in the vicinity of the village before it eventually empties into the river system. It is both unsightly and very unsanitary. The Noorvik Native Community is also planning to improve existing roads and to create new roads in town with BIA Indian Reservation Road (IRR) funding and is requesting the City of Noorvik's assistance with equipment and trucks to haul gravel and actual construction.

As you well know that municipalities in the State of Alaska have struggled in the past few years and have not fully recovered from the devastating effects of 911 and the absence of state revenue sharing for a number of years did not help matters further. This request is ever more important for this village to deal with some of their health related projects and all other future projects that require equipment and trucks. This will in turn employ local labor in one of our towns in the region that had been designated economically distressed and have experienced low employment rates in recent years.

Honorable Representative Reggie Joule  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
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The Northwest Arctic Borough continues to advocate for the communities in our region and is requesting your serious consideration and assistance to include the City of Noorvik's request in the list of important projects that must go before the Governor's administration. The Borough would like to take this opportunity also to extend its gratitude to you and your staff for your long time commitment to serve our people. Thank you so much for your consideration.

With Respect,



Siikauraq Martha Whiting,  
Mayor

Cc: Honorable Representative Kevin Meyer, Finance Co-Chair, Alaska House of  
Representatives  
Honorable Senator Donny Olsen, Alaska State Senate  
Honorable William Zibell, Mayor – City of Noorvik  
Mr. Bobby Schaeffer, Director – Public Services Dept. – Northwest Arctic Borough  
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